अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मानक संगठन प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त करने की दिशा में कार्यरत हैं। इस उत्पादन इकाई के कुछ उत्पादन खंडों ने पहले ही आई एस ओ प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त कर लिया है

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Construction of Railway Guest House at Haridwar

862. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway guest house in the religious city of Haridwar; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a proposal for providing a Yatri Niwas at Haridwar has been received very recently.

Adhoc Allotment of Canteens and Shops at Railway Stations

863. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are allotting canteens and shops on an adhoc basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any laid down allotment policy of the Railways in Andhra Pradesh for the allotment of shops and canteens at railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The prescribed catering policy applicable on all Indian Railways including Andhra Pradesh provides for allotment of catering/vending licences by Zonal Railways by inviting applications from the professional/reputed caterers. Applications received are screened by a Screening Committee and licence awarded to the most suitable candidate on merits, after approval from competent authority.

German assistance for modernisation of Indian Railways

864. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought cooperation of Germany for upgrading and modernising the Indian Railways, as reported in "The Hindustan Times", dated 7th February, 1997;

(b) whether any talks between the German Minister of Economics and Labour and the Railways Minister were held recently in New Delhi in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and outcome of the discussion indicating the amount of financial aid Germany is likely to give for the purpose of modernisation of Indian Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Talks were held between the German Minister of Economics and Labour and the Minister of State for Railways on 6.2.97. Areas of possible co-operation between the two countries pertaining to Railways were discussed in general. No specific proposal was discussed.

Poor Condition of Kaikalur and Mondavallin Railway Stations

865. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of Kaikalur and Mondavallin railway stations in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;